

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
Washington, D.C. 20310

Honorable

Speaker of the House of Representatives

Dear Mr. Speaker:

There is forwarded herewith a draft of legislation, "To amend section 1405 of title 10, United States Code, relating to the transportation of remains of deceased dependents of members of the armed forces, and for other purposes."

This proposal is a part of the Department of Defense Legislative Program for the 89th Congress and the Bureau of the Budget advises that, from the standpoint of the Administration's program, there is no objection to the presentation of this proposal for the consideration of Congress. The Department of the Army has been designated as the representative of the Department of Defense for this legislation. It is recommended that this proposal be enacted by the Congress.

Purpose of the Legislation

This proposed legislation would provide the same authority for the transportation, at Government expense, of the remains of a dependent of a member of the armed forces as is now provided for a living dependent.

Section 1405 of title 10, United States Code, presently authorizes transportation at Government expense of the remains of a dependent of a member of the armed forces who is on active duty at a place outside the United States, if such dependent dies at or while traveling to or from, such place of active duty.

Under the authority of sections 406 and 411 of title 37, United States Code, members of the armed forces are entitled to transportation of their dependents in the event of a change of permanent duty station, retirement, or in the event of the death of the member.

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The proposed amendment would authorize essentially the same transportation for a dead dependent, regardless of the geographical location of the member's active duty station, that would be authorized if the dependent were living.

Cost and Budget Data

The estimated costs of the proposal for FY 1965 are as follows:

Army	\$193,793
Navy	147,700
Marine Corps	33,050
Air Force	<u>287,830</u>
Total	\$662,373

Sincerely yours,

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